

HOUSE RESOLUTION 140
By Patton

A RESOLUTION To congratulate A.E. "Bill" and Betty Jean Johnson on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, This General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, On May 19, 1951, A.E. "Bill" Johnson and Betty Jean Henderson were joined in holy matrimony by Dr. Ralph Hollums, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, On May 19, 2001, Mr. And Mrs. Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception hosted by their children, a special occasion that was spent fondly recalling the past, giving thanks for the present, and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been highly respected citizens of Johnson City and Washington County for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. A.E. "Bill" Johnson served with acumen and alacrity as Senior Vice President of United Cities Gas Company of Blountville, before taking a much deserved

retirement; in this important position, he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his unswerving dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson also formerly served with distinction as President of Tennessee-Virginia Energy Corporation of Blountville and as General Manager of the Unicoi County Gas Utility District; and

WHEREAS, A gentleman who understands that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Mr. Johnson serves adroitly on the Board of Directors of the Northeast State Technical Community College Foundation and is also a Foundation Representative; and

WHEREAS, He was previously active as a member of the Johnson City-Washington County Chamber of Commerce, and has also served on the Board of Directors of the Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson has kept the home fires burning as a devoted wife, mother and homemaker; and

WHEREAS, This fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three sons, each of whom has excelled in his particular field of endeavor; the Johnsons' children are Steven Johnson, Donald Johnson and Lt. Col. Michael Johnson; and

WHEREAS, The Johnsons are also the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, Marriages such as the Johnsons' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate A.E. "Bill" and Betty Jean Johnson on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.